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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed January 12, 2006, in which pending Claims 1-4, 6-13, 17, 20, 24, 27-28, 45-49, 51-53, 55-57 and 63 were rejected, please reconsider the rejection based upon the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.